

**Town of Arlington
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Monday, June 11, 2001
7:00 PM

Present: Richard Bento, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Ralph Elwell, Larry Englisher, Jack Hurd, Alan McClennen, Michael Rademacher, Fred Ryan, Ron Santosuoso (DPW), Scott Smith, Ed Starr

Meetings with the consultant

Alan McClennen announced two meeting dates with the consultant (Louis Berger). The first is a meeting with Public Works and Planning, which is scheduled for Thursday 6/21 at 10 AM. The meeting is primarily for these departments, although TAC members are welcome to attend. The second is a community-wide meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th. The location (not finalized) is the Town Hall auditorium. This will be the first of three community meetings.

Reports on “hot spots”

Director Ryan informally reported on several requests that had been received by the Town. These include, for example, a 4-way stop at Fremont / Gardner and the issue of commuter parking in the Magnolia Street area (near Alewife Station). The Town maintains a database of such requests. After some discussion we agreed that it would be helpful to hear a report of the latest requests (or “hot spots”) at each of our meetings, mainly as information. We do not expect that the TAC will need to make recommendations on each of these requests. Any requests and issues that TAC members generate should be routed to Caryn Cove and Rich Bento. Action items include the following:

- ?? At our next meeting, Director Ryan will present his list of hot spots in Arlington, with reasons why
- ?? If members of the committee have identified additional hot spots, we will also present them

Scott Smith asked that accident data be provided to the committee, to assist in the identification and prioritization of hot spots.

At this point, Jack Hurd and Alan McClennen departed.

Appointment of officers and liaisons

The committee approved the following officers:

Ed Starr – Chairman

Scott Smith – Secretary

Elisabeth Carr-Jones – Alternate Secretary

The committee approved the following liaisons:

Scott Smith - Bicycle Advisory Committee liaison

Larry Englisher – Commission on Disabilities liaison

Michael Rademacher – Council on Aging / Senior Association liaison

Elisabeth Carr-Jones - Symmes Advisory Committee liaison

Elisabeth Carr-Jones – Walking in Arlington liaison

Role of our committee in the July 17th meeting

The public meetings are to be organized and led by the consultants. Our role is to first, review the consultant's agenda and presentation materials, and second, to encourage our constituents to attend the 7/17 meeting. Action items:

?? Alan McClennen to secure the meeting space for 7/17

?? Rich Bento will obtain draft materials from the consultants, and will distribute them to the committee

?? Each of us encourage our liaison groups and our geographic constituencies to attend the meeting

?? Alan McClennen will take charge of formal publicity for this meeting

Surveys

Larry Englisher agreed to chair a survey subcommittee, to investigate the possibility of a transportation related survey. Existing surveys include those from Walking in Arlington and the Police Department.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday 7/30 at 7 PM. Rich Bento will make the room reservation (preferably in the Town Hall Annex).

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.